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Ms. Boyd,

Please file these comments in Docket No. 2012-278-G.

This letter is in regard to the proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Line 201 that is planned to extend from Taylors to Travelers Rest. If built, it could cross the Enoree River in multiple locations which would threaten our watershed in the north Greenville area and further downstream. I reach out to you to encourage a review of this pipeline and its lack of necessity prior to its construction.

Upstate Forever has completed a thorough analysis of the project and has officially challenged its construction on grounds that it is oversized for the area, will irreparably harm the environment, and is costly to PNG customers and taxpayers. In addition, PNG/Duke already own a gas line along Hwy 25 and a power line easement in that area which can be used to enhance service if needed.

Currently, with no oversight at the state level, companies are incentivized to build projects given that costs can be recouped plus ensure a guaranteed rate of return for profit. Also, there is no requirement for companies to inform the community at large prior to these disruptive projects. I firmly believe communities deserve an opportunity to publicly debate and analyze these projects that will directly impact their lives and land.

Finally, the process in which people's land can be seized through eminent domain is deeply flawed. Companies are allowed to begin construction of these projects without any approval process or oversight. Therefore, the only way a homeowner can fight these unnecessary projects is through the Public Service Commission's review of prudence. I encourage the commission to inquire with PNG prior to construction and easement negotiation. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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